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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") dated October 12, 2004, the PTO has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) requiring submission of a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each cited U.S. patent application for all applications regardless of filing date and for all international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 regardless of U.S. filing date. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit copies of the non-U.S. references identified on the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Some of the attached references were cited in the Specification of the corresponding Application or in a corresponding PCT application (PCT/GB2004/004456). A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. Please note any writings or notes on the references were made by the PCT International Search Authority, not Applicants.

Applicants also wish to direct the Examiner's attention to a co-pending Application, Serial No. 10/480,508 for "Spool for a Waste Storage Device," by Robert William Tannock, relating to arguably similar subject matter.

Since this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Official Action on the merits, Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is necessary. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2803.

Applicants specifically reserve all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter. A submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. In addition, the filing of this Statement is not to be construed as a representation a search had been made by Applicants or counsel.

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Respectfully submitted,

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